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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR LT GENERAL STEWART, ASD, AFSC

SUBJECT: Assistance to the National Reconnaissance Program

I would like to ask for your help in effecting a solution to a problem we have been working. The provisions of Executive Order 11246 when translated into the ASPRs and other directives require a contracting office to verify a contractor's status of compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity provisions of the Executive Order. This must occur prior to consummating any contractual action over one million dollars. The procedure requires contact to be made with the field office of the agency (one of fourteen Government agencies) having EEO cognizance over the particular contractor. Verification of the contractor's compliance status is made with confirmation messages following later.

This procedure impacts the National Reconnaissance Program with respect to our covert contractors (listed in Attachment) with whom we do not acknowledge any relationship. For the most part, the most sensitive aspect of the relationship with our covert contractors lies with the association of SAFSP with their acknowledged space role and those contractors specializing in optics, photography, imagery and sensors having a reconnaissance application.

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I would appreciate any assistance you could provide in this regard. If additional information is needed, please contact Captai[redacted]on my Staff at OX5-2725. I would also like to brief you on the current activities of the NRO sometime when you are in Washington. Perhaps we can get together for a couple of hours for this purpose.

Many thanks.

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Director

1 Attachment
List of Covert Contractors